

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AUSTIN THOMAS NOEL,
a/k/a "official_anoel,"

Defendant.

**FELONY
INFORMATION**

The United States Attorney charges:

Sexual Exploitation and Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

Beginning sometime in 2019 continuing until about July 2021, the exact dates being unknown, in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties, in the Southern Division of the Western District of Michigan, and elsewhere,

**AUSTIN THOMAS NOEL,
a/k/a "official_anoel,"**

knowingly used, persuaded, induced, and enticed and attempted to use, persuade, induce, and entice a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, and such visual depictions were transmitted using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce.

Specifically, the defendant used Snapchat, a messaging application that operates through the internet and cellular phone networks, to communicate with VICTIM 1, a minor who was between 12 and 14 years old during that time. The defendant used, persuaded, induced, and enticed and attempted to use, persuade,

induce, and entice VICTIM 1 to take multiple pictures of herself lasciviously displaying her exposed pubic area, including, but not limited to, the image file identified as

“46934f5e114f588af53335ff349f45a3d7bfa0f1b072cc29e3e9b12e6be575d4.jpg.” The images were sent to the defendant via Snapchat.

18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) and (e)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Sexual Exploitation and Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

The allegations contained in this Felony Information are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253, upon conviction of an offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251,

**AUSTIN THOMAS NOEL,
a/k/a “official_anoel,”**

shall forfeit to the United States of America any visual depiction described in 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251 and 2252A; any matter which contains any such visual depiction that was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, and received in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 110; any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from the offense; and any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of the offense or any property traceable to such property. The property to be forfeited, as to the count, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Samsung SM-S908U cellular telephone (SN DNPXMJNPKXKV),
2. Samsung SM-X900 tablet, (SN R52T207S1WH),
3. Dell Inspiron Laptop (SN 5P3K803),
4. PNY Attache 512 MB thumb drive,
5. San Disk Ultra USB 3.0 64 GB Thumb Drive,
6. Cruzer Glide 8gb San Disk Thumb Drive,
7. Go Pro w/ 64 GB disk (#8477Zvk2P2FR),
8. Tracki GPS Tracker,
9. iPod Red (SN CCQYR16CM93F), and
10. 2 DVD's titled Innocence: Baby Blue.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 2253(b) and by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

18 U.S.C. § 2253
21 U.S.C. § 853(p)
28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)
18 U.S.C. § 2251
18 U.S.C. § 2256(8)(A)

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